

## EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2010, new elementary endorsement requirements were adopted. Highly qualified teacher (HQT) language was not included from the old endorsement rule. Consequently, when the old rule sunsets on September 2, 2015, there will not be a mechanism to address out-of-state applicants who need to verify HQT status for licensure in Iowa. This amendment adds a provision to subrule 13.26(5) for applicants from non-Iowa institutions to verify their HQT status.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by e-mail to [kim.cunningham@iowa.gov](mailto:kim.cunningham@iowa.gov), or by fax to (515)281-7669.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA).

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 13.26(5) as follows:

**13.26(5) Teacher—elementary classroom.** Effective September 1, 2015, the following requirements apply to persons who wish to teach in the elementary classroom:

*a. Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to teach in kindergarten and grades one through six.

*b. Program requirements.*

- (1) Degree—baccalaureate, and
- (2) Completion of an approved human relations component, and
- (3) Completion of the professional education core. See subrules 13.18(3) and 13.18(4).
- (4) Highly qualified teacher (HQT) status. Applicants from non-Iowa institutions who have

completed the requirements for this endorsement must verify their HQT status. The board shall determine the test and the minimum passing score for HQT status. Verification must be provided through one of the following:

1. Written verification from the department of education in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

2. Written verification from the department of education in the state where the applicant is currently teaching that the applicant has achieved HQT status in that state; or

3. Submission of the official test score report indicating the applicant has met the qualifying score for licensure in the state in which the applicant completed the elementary teacher preparation program; or

4. Verification that the applicant has obtained the qualifying score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This option may also be utilized by applicants from outside the United States.

5. For applicants who have completed the requirements for one of the Iowa elementary endorsements, verification of HQT status by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa board of educational examiners if the applicant has not been teaching within the last five years and completion of a teacher preparation program prior to enactment in June 2006 of the federal highly qualified teacher provisions of IDEA. This option may also be utilized by applicants who have been teaching outside the United States.

c. No change.